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APPENDIX

Concise Explanation

WO 00/37789 - describes how the invention relates to a cylinder crankcase, especially designed for an internal combustion engine, comprising at least one cylinder bore that receives a piston. According to the invention, the cylinder bore (14) has an inlet bevel (78) on a cylinder head surface (92) of the cylinder crankcase (12) and the bearing surface (70) of the cylinder is provided with a thermal coating (74) up to a transition area with the inlet bevel (78).

JP 06-159131 – describes how to obtain a new surface treatment technique capable of securing uniformity of a plated film, facilitating finishing process and accomplishing low-pollution surface treatment in lieu of Cr plating, in the case of the surface treatment method on a piston sliding surface of an aluminum alloy made engine cylinder and the product thereof.

JP 03-037359 – describes how to prevent the peeling of plating when a fitted surface part is cut, by arranging a nonplated region at a specific part which is continuous to the fitted surface part onto which a cylinder head is fitted among the inside diameter part of a sleeve into which a piston is accommodated.

JP 03-134251 – describes how to reduce unevenness of a film thickness with current density changed continuously and generation of turbulence eliminated in plating fluid by chamfering an end part between an internal part and a through hole with high density energy irradiated before a plating layer is formed in the internal part having the through hole.

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		00/37789 WIPO	June 29, 2000	Schlegel et al.		
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